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SUBJECT: PROPOSED US/FRG ANTITRUST DISCUSSIONS

1. DURING RECENT VISIT TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DR. KLAUS STAHL OF THE FRG OFFICE OF ANTITRUST POLICY, MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF MEETINGS TO DISCUSS US/FRG COOPERATION IN ANTITRUST MATTERS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO PETROLEUM. STAHL SUGGESTED DISCUSSIONS IN BONN TO INCLUDE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL THOMAS KAUPER AND/OR FOREIGN COMMERCE SECTION CHIEF JOEL DAVIDOW OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THEIR PARTICIPATION ON USDEL AT MID-JUNE OECD MEETING IN PARIS OF COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES.

2. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE EMBASSY OFFICER TO NOTIFY STAHL THAT DAVIDOW WOULD BE PREPARED TO COME FOR DISCUSSION OF THESE MATTERS ON JUNE 17 AND 18. KAUPER UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT DAVIDOW WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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ROBERT BUSHNELL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF BUSINESS

PRACTICES, WHO HANDLES INTERNATIONAL ANTITRUST CONSULTATION WORK AT STATE DEPT AND WHO WILL BE MEMBER OF US DELEGATION AT OECD COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS JUNE MEETINGS. EMBASSY REQUESTED REPORT PROMPTLY WHETHER THESE PLANS ACCEPTABLE TO STAHL.

3. DAVIDOW HAD PREVIOUS ORAL INVITATION TO VISIT FEDERAL CARTEL OFFICE (FCO) IN BERLIN FOR CONSULTATIONS ON CERTAIN ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT ITEMS WITH MESSRS. GUENTHER AND STOCKMAN. DAVIDOW AND BUSHNELL WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS VISIT ON JUNE 19 IF CONVENIENT TO THE FCO. IF STAHL OR EMBASSY UNABLE TO CONFIRM THIS DATE FROM BONN, CONFIRMATION BY BERLIN WOULD BE APPRECIATED. RUSH

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